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For : METHOD FOR COMPUTER-ASSISTED DETERMINATION OF AN  
OPTIMUM-FUEL CONTROL OF NOZZLES

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

U.S. Patent No. 6,347,262 to SMAY et al., which issued on February 12, 2002.

Applicants note that this document is mentioned on page 1 of the specification of the present application; and

Applicants further submit herewith a copy of a European Search Report from the European Patent Office dated May 24, 2004, with respect to counterpart European Patent Application EP 04 00 6196, in which the European Patent Examiner cited the following document:

European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 977 687, which was published on May 2, 2001 along with Patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,208,915 that issued March 27, 2001. Applicants note that this document is mentioned on page 1 of the

specification of the present application. The European Examiner has indicated that this reference is an A category (document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance) and D category (document cited in the application) document that is relevant to claims 1-6. Further Applicants submit International Patent Application Publication No. WO 98/49058, which was published on November 5, 1998, along with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,208,915 that issued March 27, 2001.

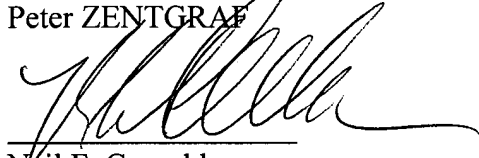
Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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